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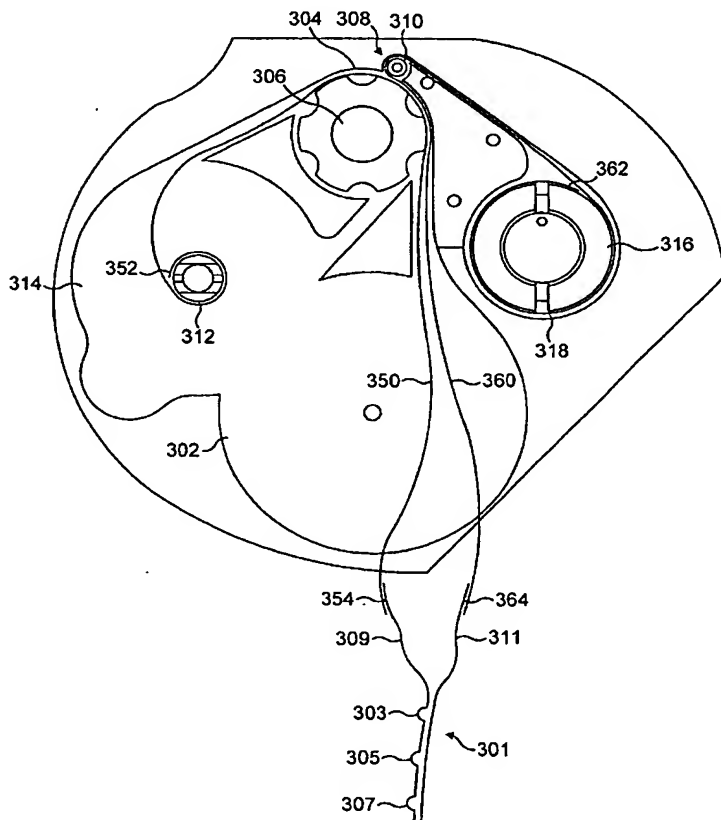
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR LOADING A MEDICAMENT DISPENSER WITH A MEDICAMENT CARRIER



(57) Abstract: There is provided a method of loading a housing for a medicament dispenser with a medicament carrier. The carrier has the form of an elongate strip and has multiple distinct medicament doses carried thereby. The carrier is particularly in the form of a peelable blister strip. In one aspect, the method comprises the steps of loading the housing with at least one leader in the form of an elongate strip such that a leading end of said at least one leader is drivably anchored within the housing and a trailing end of the at least one leader protrudes from the housing; fixing a first end of the medicament carrier to the trailing end of the at least one leader; and drivably moving the leading end of the leader such that the medicament carrier is moved into the housing.



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A method for loading a housing for a medicament dispenser with a medicament carrier and drivably moving the medicament carrier into the housing by means of a leader and a housing for a medicament dispenser and for the method

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